

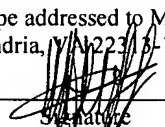


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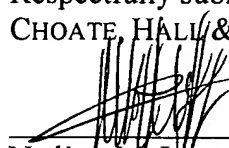
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3)**

Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time from August 4, 2005 to and including November 4, 2005 to reply to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 4, 2005 in the above-referenced application. With the extension, the deadline for response to the Office Action is November 4, 2005. Thus Applicant respectfully submits that the filing of this response on November 4, 2005 is timely. The large entity extension fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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